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DAWN.

The hush of the after-min...
At the footsteps was awake...
Is the startled awe of a lo...
'Tis the dreamy lull ...LE
Ere the gleam of a dawn-...
And the sigh of the wind...a glad day in
As the first breath in ...ERICA was
DAY, bracing ...MANAGED.
—Lucy Larcom in Harper's.

The cl...ionists Narrowly Avoid Getting Into the Tangle—A Series of Mishaps to Admiral Evans' Battleship Squadron in New York Bay—The Kearsarge and Kentucky Run Aground Off West Bank Light.

New York (Special)—The battleship squadron of the United States Navy found itself all tangled up in the lower bay. Before the tangle was straightened out the Kearsarge and the Alabama had run aground and the Alabama had carried away her starboard quarter and damaging herself badly that she will have to go to Brooklyn navy yard. The battleship Alabama herself was damaged a little. The squadron, consisting of the first-class battleships, the flower of progress of the navy, Tuesday had a most unsatisfactory morning for the Roads and a winter storm, as it was, was raging. Rear Admiral Maine, was in command and Rear Admiral Evans was in command of the Kearsarge. There were various other officers of less prominence. They proceeded in the following order: Maine, Kentucky, Kearsarge, Alabama and Illinois. The Illinois, by the way, was the only vessel that carried a pilot. The pilot was Capt. Ellis, of the pilot boat "Relief."

In close formation, 400 yards apart, they came sailing into the main ship channel. There was at ebb tide, which raised—that is to know speed, of their ships to 10 knots. A strong wind was blowing from the west. The course was in obedience to swing toward the east bank, a rather sudden turn, with a mud flat in the middle. Just as this bank reaches the channel at a point between Swinburne Island and Coney Island there is a spit. The tail end of the squadron, extending one mile at a string, caught. Third, too far in toward the bank. The Maine passed it, but the Kentucky ...ddled in the mud before her ...ines were reversed.

The Kearsarge, only 10 feet behind, saw the Kentucky suddenly go on the ground. She herself was too near to the east to risk turning westward into the main channel. As to anchoring she would probably have struck the Kentucky had she tried to go astern, navigating officer sheered her to port. She struck a collision, but she, too, went aground.

Behind this tangle came the Alabama, Captain Davis' flagship of the Evans Corps in command. The Alabama's navigating officer saw the two vessels ahead before him and saw that they were aground. He turned out into the open water to the westward, hoping to find space was too short. Wind and tide were against him. He passed near to the Kearsarge, which had gone further ashore before she got clear. The Alabama got how caught the starboard quarter of the Kentucky and raked it. Just the fraction of a second ...the turn of the wheel prevented him from ramming the Kentucky in 4 knots. That would have been something to tell about.

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